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In re Application of) Examiner: Amena A. Owens
Sinha, et al.) Art Unit: 1625
Serial No. 10/606,603)
Filed: June 26, 2003))
For: 5-[Phenyl, Tetrahydronaphthalene-2-YL Dihydronaphthalen-2-YL and Heteroaryl-Cyclopropyl]-Pentadienoic Acid Derivatives Having Serum)))))))
Glucose Reducing Activity	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR

Dear Sir:

Response to requirement for restriction and election of species

In response to the Requirements for Restriction and Election of Species dated August 2, 2004 the applicant, acting through the undersigned

RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

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01 FC:1201 02 FC:1202 86.00 OP 36.00 OP attorney elects Claim Group (Claims 1 - 17 and 42) for immediate prosecution.

Applicant elects Compound 21a as the single required species.

Compound 21a and can be found, inter alia on pages 56 - 57 of the specification. Claims 1 - 9, 18, 19, 22, 23 read on the elected species. Claim 42 reads on the process of using the elected species.

The Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that the subject matter of Claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 is subgeneric to Claim 1 and read on the elected species. Therefore in the event Claim 1 is found to be allowable then Claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 should also be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to clearly delineate in the next Office Action the scope of the search conducted by the Examiner, so that applicant has a clear indication regarding the subject matter that is actually restricted out of this application.

The requirements for restriction and election of species are respectfully traversed on the basis that in the applicant's opinion a search directed to the entire subject matter of the claims would not be unduly burdensome.